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to

Amend the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1896.

A.D. 1901.

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

5 1.—(1.) The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1896 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Acts), and this Act shall apply with regard to all members of the working classes in like manner as with regard to agricultural labourers. Extension of Acts to the working classes generally.

10 (2.) In this section the expression "working classes" has the same meaning as in the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1900.

15 2.—(1.) Where a representation is made under section five of the Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1883, the sanitary authority shall not be bound to adopt in their improvement scheme the suggestion on the part of the signatories of the representation as to the locality or localities in their opinion most suitable for the erection of the proposed new dwellings, but the sanitary authority may provide for the erection of new dwellings in some other locality or localities. Places where new dwellings may be erected.

20 (2.) Before a sanitary authority provide in their improvement scheme for the erection of new dwellings in some locality or localities other than those suggested by the said signatories, they shall take into consideration the wishes of the persons referred to in the specific instances set forth in the representation.

25 3. At the end of section seventeen of the Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1883, the following words shall be added, namely—
 "Unless such levy is made by virtue of a resolution passed at a special meeting of the sanitary authority of which not less than seven days' notice has been given to each member of the sanitary authority." Levying of rates above one shilling in the pound.

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Conformation
and effect of
provisional
orders.

4.—(1.) The powers given to the Lord-Lieutenant in Council by section twelve of the Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1885, shall not in future be exercised by the Lord-Lieutenant.

(2.) Whenever a petition is lodged against a provisional order under subsection two of the said section, the Local Government Board may, if they think fit, refer any question raised by such petition to a Sub-Commission appointed under the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, and the Sub-Commission shall thereupon consider such question and report thereon to the Local Government Board.

(3.) On receiving the report of the Sub-Commission, the Local Government Board may confirm the provisional order, with such modifications, if any, in the improvement scheme as they think fit.

(4.) A provisional order confirmed by the Local Government Board, and also a provisional order which by the said section twelve does not require to be confirmed, shall be of the same effect as if it had been confirmed by Parliament.

(5.) Subsections three, four, six, and seven of the said section twelve are hereby repealed.

Provisions
relating to
purchase of
land by
agreement.

5.—(1.) For the purposes of the principal Acts and this Act a sanitary authority shall have power, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, to purchase land by agreement either within or without their own district.

(2.) If within *a fortnight* after a sanitary authority has made an agreement for the purchase of land the Local Government Board do not signify their approval thereof, the agreement shall become void.

(3.) If an agreement becomes void under this section, the sanitary authority shall pay to the vendor a sum to cover charges and expenses incurred by the vendor, but not damages for breach of the agreement.

(4.) The sum so paid shall be in accordance with a scale to be fixed by the Lord-Lieutenant by Order in Council with reference to the amount of agreed purchase money.

Apportion-
ment of
residue of
Exchequer
contri-
bution.

6. From the *thirty-first day of March* one thousand nine hundred and two all unissued balances of the residue of the Exchequer contribution which, under section five of the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891, is applicable towards the cost of providing labourers' cottages under the principal Acts, shall be apportioned between the counties in which there is no unissued balance on the *thirty-first day of March* in each year, in the same proportions as between such counties as those to which they are

respectively entitled under regulations made from time to time by the Lord-Lieutenant.

7. Where a representation has been made under section five of the Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1883, and dwellings have accordingly been provided under an improvement scheme, the sanitary authority shall in the first instance offer to let such dwellings to such of the persons referred to in the specific instances set out in the representation as are not otherwise provided with sufficient or proper house accommodation.

10. 8. The Lord-Lieutenant shall by Order in Council provide for the application to Ireland, with such adaptations as appear to him necessary or expedient, of the provisions relating to allotments of land contained in the Allotments Act, 1887, the Allotments and Cottage Gardens (Compensation for Crops) Act, 1887, and the Local Government Act, 1894, and thereupon those provisions shall apply to Ireland accordingly.

9. The Lord-Lieutenant may by Order in Council make such modifications of the principal Acts and this Act as he thinks desirable in order to facilitate the purchase or acquisition of land by a sanitary authority in all cases where the sanitary authority desire to purchase or acquire land for the purposes of those Acts, and either

- (a) no objection is made within the prescribed time by the owner, the lessee, or the occupier of the land; or
- 25 (b) the owner, the lessee, and the occupier of the land are willing to sell or dispose of the land, but cannot agree with the sanitary authority as to the price or payment; or
- (c) the owner, the lessee, and the occupier of the land are willing to sell or dispose of the land, and have also agreed with the sanitary authority as to the price or payment.

10. The principal Acts and this Act shall continue in force for five years from the passing of this Act and until the end of the session of Parliament next ensuing.

11.—(1.) This Act shall be construed as one with the principal Acts.

(2.) This Act may be cited as the Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1901, and the principal Acts and this Act may be cited collectively as the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1901.

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Application to Ireland of enactments relating to allotments.

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